UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In Re:

\$ Chapter 11

\$ W.R. GRACE & CO., et al.,

\$ Jointly Administered
Case No. 01-01139 (JKF)

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FEE AUDITOR'S FINAL REPORT REGARDING FEE APPLICATION OF BAKER DONELSON BEARMAN CALDWELL & BERKOWITZ FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND INTERIM PERIOD

This is the final report of Warren H. Smith & Associates, P.C., acting in its capacity as fee auditor in the above-captioned bankruptcy proceedings, regarding the <u>Interim Fee Application of Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, P. C. for the Twenty-Second Interim Period</u> (the "Application").

BACKGROUND

- 1. Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, P. C. ("Baker Donelson") was retained as advisor for legislative affairs to the Debtors. In the Application, Baker seeks approval of fees totaling \$90,000.00 and costs totaling \$7,848.55 for its services from July 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006.
- 2. In conducting this audit and reaching the conclusions and recommendations contained herein, we reviewed in detail the Application in its entirety, including each of the time and expense entries included in the exhibits to the Application, for compliance with 11 U.S.C. § 330, Local Rule 2016-2 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Amended Effective February 1, 2001, and the United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing

Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. 330, Issued January 30, 1996, (the "Guidelines"), as well as for consistency with precedent established in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

DISCUSSION

3. We note that the firm states that by the Court order dated June 16, 2004, the Debtors were authorized to retain Baker Donelson to advise the Debtors, their counsel, and their Board of Directors with respect to legislative affairs and current pending and future legislative affairs ("Legislative Affairs Services") and such other related services as the Debtors may deem necessary or desirable, effective as of April, 2001 (the "Retention Order"). The Retention Order authorizes Debtors to compensate Baker Donelson on a flat rate in the amount of \$17,000.00 per month for services rendered plus reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred by Baker Donelson. The Debtors, on or about January, 24, 2005 filed a motion seeking authorization to modify and expand the scope of services provided by Baker Donelson. Specifically, the motion sought the approval of retention of Baker Donelson to assist Debtors in connection with the Debtors' business operations in China and with respect to the Chinese governmental authorities at the national, provincial and local levels ("China Assistance Services"). The expanded scope of work of Baker Donelson was approved by order entered on March 15, 2005, effective January 1, 2005 ("Order Modifying and Expanding Services"). Compensation of Baker Donelson for the China Assistance Services was approved on a flat rate in the amount of \$35,000.00 per month for services rendered, plus reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred by Baker Donelson. The Order Modifying and Expanding Services also increased the flat rate for compensation for Legislative

Affairs Services to an amount of \$20,000.00 per month effective March, 2005 for services rendered plus reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred by Baker Donelson. Pursuant to Order entered on February 23, 2006, *nunc pro tunc* to October 1, 2005, the China Assistance Services continue. Under this Order, the Debtor agreed as compensation to Baker Donelson to pay a fixed basic retainer fee of \$10,000.00 each month plus reimbursement of expenses with the provision for compensation to Baker Donelson in an additional amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 each month (which would be in addition to the basic retention fee specified above) for additional services the Debtor may request in China.

- 4. We note that Baker Donelson lists 136.0 hours for services rendered from July 1, 2006, through September 30, 2006. This computes to an effective hourly rate of \$661.76.
- 5. We have no objections to, or issues with, this Application, and thus we did not send an initial report to Baker Donelson.

CONCLUSION

6. Thus we recommend approval of fees totaling \$90,000.00 and costs totaling \$7,848.55 for Baker Donelson's services from July 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served First Class United States mail to the attached service list on this 6th day of March, 2007.

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